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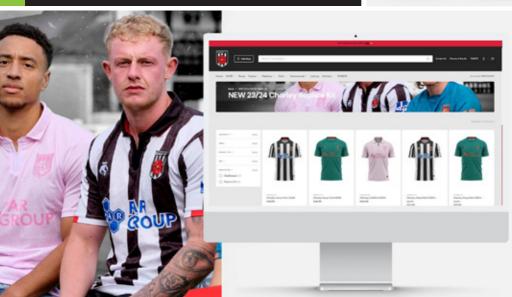


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# PREECY'S PIECE

I would like to welcome all the directors players coaching staff and fans of Scunthorpe to Victory Park this afternoon

Scunthorpe have started the season well under manager Jimmy Dean. He knows the league well and has had success at Peterborough Sports.

There will be pressure and expectation to get promoted as they are the big club in our league. I'm sure Jimmy will relish the challenge.

We have had two tough away games since our last home game with mixed results.

At Tamworth we struggled first half to get a foothold in the game. Tamworth are a very good team and sit top so there was no shame in being pushed back. The disappointing thing was the manor of the goals as both easily avoidable.

We showed more after the break, caused them problems and only the crossbar in the last minute stopped us getting a point.

Sampo missed that game with a back injury which we are hoping will have been sorted now. I'm hopeful he will be available for the next home game.

Against Curzon we played very well in the first half, dominated the game and deservedly went in front just before half time.

As with every game in this league no game is easy si it was no surprise second half we would have to deal with some pressure.

We defended really well restricting Curzon to very few opportunities it was very disciplined team performance.

We have brought in David Moyo to give us more attacking options. He has already made an impact with an assist at Runcorn in the FA Cup.

Our form in the league is very good with 4 wins out of the last 5 games so confidence is high.

Today more than ever we will need your vocal backing as Scunthorpe will no doubt bring a big following. We need to make sure it doesn't feel like a home game for them.

To add to the mix there is only two points separating us at the top end of the league this is a huge game.

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Mya Graham,

UCFB graduate, Assistant Producer at talkSPORT



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#### **FULL INFORMATION**

#### Introducing the Exciting New Fan Zone at Chorley FC!

We are delighted to announce that for the 2023/24 season, Chorley FC will be unveiling a brand-new Fan Zone, offering an incredible space for our devoted fans to enhance their matchday experience like never before.

Located within the vicinity of the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium, the Fan Zone is designed to provide a vibrant and engaging environment for supporters to gather, socialize, and immerse themselves in the excitement of the game.

#### What to Expect in the Fan Zone

Entertainment and Activities: Get ready for a wide range of entertainment and activities tailored specifically for our passionate fans. From live music performances by local talents to interactive games and competitions, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Test your football skills, challenge your friends to a game of table football, or simply soak in the lively atmosphere as you connect with fellow supporters.

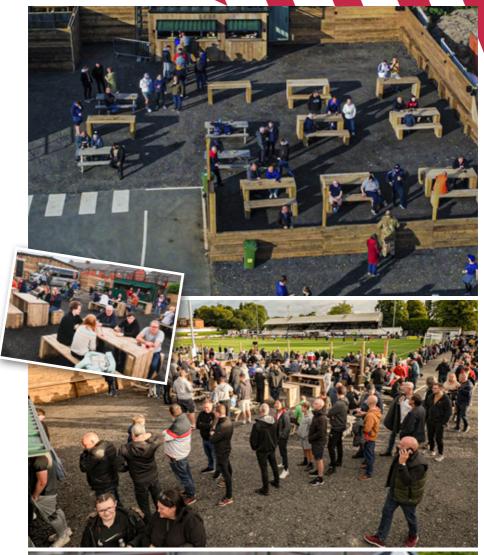
Family-Friendly Environment: The Fan Zone aims to create a welcoming and family-friendly atmosphere, ensuring that fans of all ages can have a memorable time. Bring your little ones along and enjoy a range of activities specially designed for children, including face painting, mini-games, and other exciting surprises. Create lasting memories as you introduce the next generation of Magpies fans to the joys of matchday.

We invite you to join us in the all-new Fan Zone, where camaraderie, excitement, and the spirit of Chorley FC thrive. Immerse yourself in the vibrant pre-match buzz, connect with fellow supporters, and experience the thrill of cheering on our beloved team in an atmosphere tailored to enhance your matchday enjoyment.

Please note that specific details and additional attractions within the Fan Zone will be announced closer to the start of the season. Stay tuned to our official website and social media channels for updates on the Fan Zone and its exciting offerings.

Up the Magpies!













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# SKUNTHORPE UNITED

MANAGER

JIMMY DEAN



ASST MANAGER

**CHRIS PLUMMER** 



GOALKEEDER

1. ROSS FITZSIMONS



DEFENDER

2. REAGAN OGLE



DER

DEFENDER

3. MICHAEL KELLY



DEFENDER

4. MAXIM KOUOGUN



DEFENDER

5. WILL EVANS



DEFENDER

**6. ANDREW BOYCE** 



DEFENDER

33. TYLER DENTON



DEFENDER

44. ROSS BARROWS



MIDFIELDER **27. DION SEMBIE-FERRIS 22. FINLEY SHRIMPTON** MIDFIELD MIDFIELD 7. MICHAEL CLUNAN 8. ALFIE BEESTIN MIDFIELDER MIDFIELD MIDFIELDER 10. CALLUM ROBERTS 12. JOSH ROBERTSON 11. CAMERON WILSON









MIDFIELDER

MIDFIELDER 19. JACOB BUTTERFIELD



20. KIAN SCALES



FORWARD





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FORWARD

49. DANIEL WHITEHALL



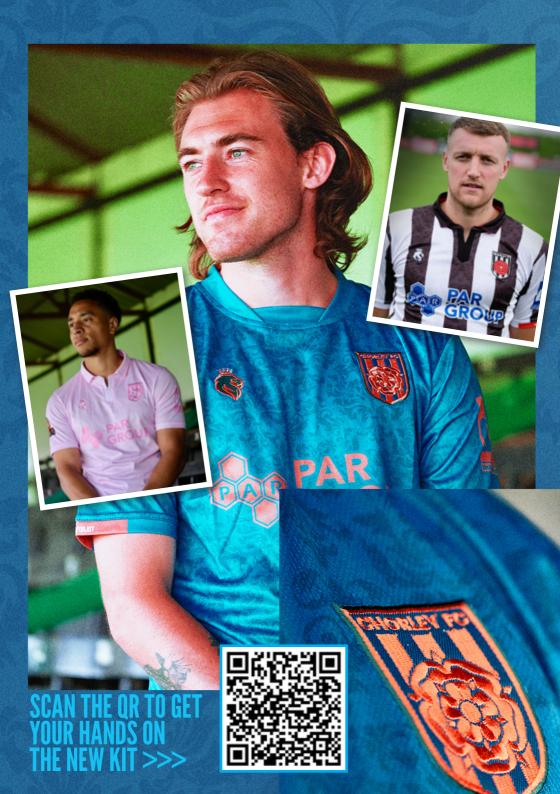


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# JAMIE VERMIGLIO

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Jimmy Dean, his players, staff, and, of course, the Scunthorpe FC board of directors.

2018 saw Jimmy and I pit our wits against each other as we played Peterborough Sports on the road in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup. We defeated Peterborough 3-0 that day, but Jimmy and have staved in touch since. He did an excellent job, winning multiple promotions with Peterborough, before being given the fantastic opportunity to become manager of Scunthorpe.

They have had a fantastic start to the season, which is not surprising given some of the excellent and experienced signings he has made. He has the strong backing of ambitious chairman David Hilton, a formerly of Ilkeston Town. This will be Scunthorpe's first league game after their much-discussed abandoned match against Buxton FC.

Scunthorpe will be confident because of their strong recent form. However, we too have been playing well over the past five games, winning 12 of a potential 15 points and eventually, after a tough couple of games against Runcorn Linnets managing to take our place in the FA cup next qualifying round. Another cup run is something we all dream of.

David Moyo joins the team today for his first league game of the year. We've been keeping an eve on David for a while, so it's great to have him. Preecy has worked hard to ensure this signing was made. At this point, adding a player of David's calibre who can assist us in scoring more goals is always a good thing. Jack and Justin have been scoring goals consistency and always look a threat. Despite the fact that we lost a lot of goals from Connor and Bashi, Jack and Justin both have 4 goals in 9 league games. This puts each of them on track to total 20 goals in the league this year. Goals are being scored, but just as significantly, our defence is resilient and solid. As it stands, we have one of the best



defensive records in the league - something Matty and the back line will want to build on.

Like every season, our goal for this one is promotion. We are on track for the playoffs with 15 points after 9 games but today's game is crucial in more ways than one. A significant milestone and a fair indicator of where we are at in the season are the first 10 games. A victory today would propel us into a playoff position and then set up a very significant build up to Christmas.

A win would be massive for us today, but in order to get it, we must defeat Scunthorpe FC, who in 2010-11 sold players for millions of pounds while playing in the 'Championship'. At around the same time, Chorley FC defeated Fylde to advance from the Evo Stick Division 1! A game I remember well.

Times have changed for both clubs!

#### Up the Maggies!

Vermiglio, Jamie

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# FROM THE OWNERS

#### **WELCOME TO CHORLEY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME**

Exciting Changes to Enhance Your Matchday Experience! We are thrilled to announce that, as part of our new ownership's commitment to improving and modernising the matchday experience, we have made some significant changes for the 2023/24 season. These changes coincide with the implementation of our new integrated ticketing system, which will go live for our first game of the season!

#### **Online Tickets**

In a change from previous seasons, we are now offering discounted ticket prices to everyone who purchases their tickets online for matches at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium. To secure the best price on single match tickets, simply visit our new ticket site and purchase your tickets. Online ticket sales will be available until shortly before kick-off (online ticket sales will close 2 hours prior). Then, on matchday, all you need to do is show up at the turnstiles, have your e-ticket scanned on your phone, and you're in! It's that simple.

#### In-person Tickets

We will continue to offer on-the-day in-person ticket sales for the 2023/24 season. However, the price of these tickets will be slightly higher compared to our online option. Please note that payment at the turnstiles will no longer be available. Instead, on-the-day in-person ticket purchases will be facilitated through our new ticket booth at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium. The ticket booth will accept both cash and card payments. Once you've obtained your ticket, you can proceed to the turnstiles as usual for ticket scanning and entry.

#### WELCOME TO CHORLEY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

In addition to the ticket purchasing changes, we have revised our admission categories for the first time since 2019. To address instances where individuals deliberately attempted to purchase tickets incorrectly to gain access to cheaper admission prices, we have simplified the process to ensure fairness for all supporters. From now on, anyone aged 18 to 64 will be classified as an adult and will be required to purchase an adult admission ticket.



Greetings, fellow Magpies enthusiasts! Allow me to introduce Callum, the unsung hero behind our pristine pitch. Week after week, Callum meticulously nurtures and tends to our hallowed turf, ensuring it's a canvas fit for epic clashes. His dedication and expertise make every slide tackle and dazzling goal a testament to his hard work.

Rain or shine, he's the keeper of the green, ensuring each matchday experience is unforgettable. Let's raise our scarves and salute Callum – a true champion of Chorley FC's success on and off the field.

#### Up the Magpies!

Got a question for Callum email him on: groundsman@chorleyfc.com

# JEFF'S UPDATE

New sponsors have been secured! We welcome specsavers to our ever growing community, alongside, Raptor building supplies, further support from Walsh & events and some ongoing works being undertaken for Poxon Building contractors!

As ever the support for Chorley FC from the fans, supporters and sponsors continues to grow and we cannot be thankful enough!

if you would like to enquire about supporting your club, please contact Jeff:



# MAGPIES COLUMN

We would like to welcome everyone associated with Scunthorpe United including its members and board of directors of 'Iron Trust'. The Iron Trust celebrated its 11th birthday in April this year and have been instrumental in fan engagement at Glanford Park since their formation in 2012. We hope you enjoy your visit to Victory Park this afternoon.

#### Membership continues to rise

We are just 12 members short of reaching our first target of the season. Our minimum target for members this season was to recruit 100 supporters to sign up, that's just 10% of our average attendance which currently stands at 938. Here's a snapshot of a few questions we get asked about membership.

How much does it cost? £10 per year, or £5 per month to be a 'Super Fan'

How do I register? On our website, at Trust HQ on matchdays or speak with a Trust board member – Look out for our lanyards to identify us.

Do I need to do anything else? You can be as active or inactive as you like. We are always looking for volunteers but if you can't commit the time, your membership is commitment enough.

#### Pledge Scheme 2023-24

Every penny raised from the Pledge Scheme this season will go directly into our newly renamed 'Magpies Fund' - A fund that the members have control over. This scheme has raised thousands for various projects over the years and can be a fun way to donate money towards the Trust and our projects. You can go down the usual route of paying per goal, per clean sheet or something a bit more obscure such as per ball out of the ground? Per spectator catch? The choice is entirely yours. For more information and to take part, visit our website – www.magpiestrust.org

#### Walk to the seaside - Final plea

4 weeks ago, Julian (Trust Chair) and Darren (Chorley FC Community Foundation Chair) walked from Duke Street to Haig Avenue for our fixture against Southport. The Local Giving page



is still active for a few more days. The current overall total stands at £369.50 with the money being split equally between Magpies Trust, Chorley FC Community Foundation and Derian House Children's Hospice - <a href="https://localgiving.org/fundraising/walk-to-the-seaside/">https://localgiving.org/fundraising/walk-to-the-seaside/</a>

There are plenty of other projects that you can get involved with that support the Trust and they include:

- 50/50 Half time draw The more you buy, the bigger the prize! There are 3 cash prizes up for grab during half time.
- Golden Goals As popular now as it was when it was first introduced onto the Victory Park terrace over 20 years ago. For just £1 per ticket you could bag yourself £30 when that first goal goes in.

All income we receive through these projects goes back into the Trust and ultimately will help us achieve our goals of helping the Club and improving the supporter experience at Victory Park.

Our monthly meeting was held in the social club at Victory Park a couple of weeks ago where we welcomed Andy Preece as our special guest. Read the full transcript on our website along with this months newsletter – Back for 2023/24!





- 1. FULL NAME JUSTIN JOHNSON.
- 2. PREVIOUS CLUBS SPARTA ROTTERDAM. MAN UNITED. DUNDEE UNITED. HAMILTON, STALYBRIDGE, CHORLEY,
- 3. ☑ SINGLE ☐ MARRIED ☐ IN A RELATIONSHIP
- 4. FAVOURITE FOOTBALL MOMENT? FIRST PROFESSIONAL GOAL.
- 5. BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL? FIRST HOUSE.
- 6. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED WITH? RAVEL MORRISON.
- 7. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED AGAINST? TYLER BLACKETT.
- 8. DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-GAME RITUALS OR SUPERSTITIONS? PRAY.
- 9. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO CONTINUE YOUR CAREER AFTER YOU RETIRE FROM FOOTBALL? NOPE.
- 10. IF YOU COULDN'T BE A FOOTBALL PLAYER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO INSTEAD? DELIVERY JOB.
- 11. BEST FRIEND IN THE TEAM? EVERYONE.
- 12. WORST DRESSED IN THE TEAM? NOT SURE.
- 13. FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME? POWER!
- 14. TEAM YOU SUPPORT NOW / AS A YOUNGSTER ARSENAL!! COYG.
- 15. WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL TO CHORLEY FROM? MANCHESTER.
- 16. ANY ADVICE TO OUR YOUNGER SUPPORTERS? KEEP WORKING EVEN WHEN IT LOOKS IMPOSSIBLE LIFE CAN CHANGE IN A FLASH SO KEEP GOING.
- 17 WORST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL? GOING CYPRUS
- 18. CLEVEREST PLAYER AT THE CLUB? ADAM HENLEY I THINK.
- 19. YOU HAVE FIRST PICK, WHICH CHORLEY PLAYER DO YOU PICK IN YOUR TEAM FIRST? WHY? CARLTON , CHILL WITH HIM THE MOST
- 20. YOU ARE GOING ON A NIGHT OUT BUT CAN ONLY TAKE ONE CHORLEY PLAYER WITH YOU, WHO DO YOU TAKE AND WHY? CARLTON, BEEN OUT WITH HIM BEFORE.



# 23RD SEPTEMBER

#### 20 YEARS AGO...CHORLEY 3-2 COLWYN BAY

What's out there? It's a question NASA were preparing to probe on this day twenty years ago. Or, at least, to take some remarkable images of 10,000 galaxies to become known as the Ultra-Deep Field with the Hubble Space Telescope.

Back on terrestrial terra firma, The Black-Eyed Peas had been asking a question of their own. "Where Is The Love?" was dominating the Singles Charts as Chorley prepared to welcome Colwyn Bay for a

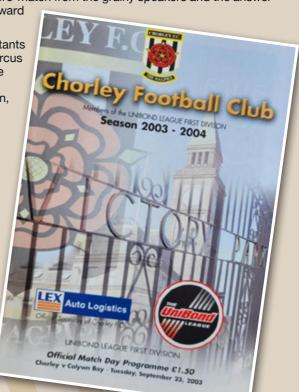
midweek clash at Victory Park. The two sides had already met each other in Unibond League First Division action a fortnight prior. All three points had returned to Lancashire after a 3-4 thriller thanks to a goal from Alex Porter, supplemented by a fantastic Lee Wilkinson hat-trick.

For the local punters who attended Victory Park on this day in 2003, it's no doubt the Peas' chart-topper had blasted out pre-match from the grainy speakers and the answer

to that song's refrain was straightforward by the end of the evening.

The love, of course, was home debutants Marcus Hallows and Alex Porter. Marcus had recently signed from Conference side Leigh R.M.I. where he was struggling to make the starting eleven, a stellar first half brace from him and a goal from Porter had the Magpies firmly on their way to three points.

#### **Martin Ramsbotham**



# 23RD SEPTEMBER

#### 28 YEARS AGO...CHORLEY 1-2 COLWYN BAY

Antiques, bric-a-brac, second-hand clothes, or even the humble matchday programme. All these things can be bought on eBay, and it was in early September 1995 that the website was founded. Just under a week later, the first ever Sony PlayStation was released to the European market.

September had begun well for the Magpies, with victories over Bishop Auckland and Knowsley United in the Northern Premier League. FA Cup progression had been trickier though; an extra-time goal by Brian Ross in a replay had been just enough to overcome Farsley Celtic.

A draw against Colwyn Bay in the league on September 16 was seen as a dress rehearsal for the two side's clash in the FA Cup second qualifying round, with Dave McKearney finding an equaliser for the Magpies against the Bay in a game of wasted opportunities. Yet the Magpies unravelled in midweek leading up to the fixture. A 6-2 reverse to Barrow in Cumbria was not the preparation that manager Dave Sutton had in mind for the cup clash, particularly having led the game 2-0.

On this day twenty-eight years ago then, Colwyn Bay arrived at Victory Park sensing more joy in the cup after despatching Rossendale United 1-4 in the previous round.

Chorley scored first thanks to an unstoppable strike by Grant Leitch, but unfortunately it was to be short-lived. Simon Green failed to deal with a cross, and the visitors' Peter Donnelly controlled with ease before putting the ball beyond Simon Marsh.

The turnaround was complete midway through the second period with a hint of fortune for the Bay, as Neil Rigby's soft free kick just found the bottom corner - but they all count. Chorley were out of the cup, and to compound the day Shaggy hit number one with "Boombastic", making Saturday 23rd September 1995 one to consign to the history books as not worth repeating (or remembering)!

**Martin Ramsbotham** 











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#### **CHORLEY FC VS ALFRETON TOWN**

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#### **CURZON ASHTON O**

CHORLEY got themselves back to winning ways on Saturday afternoon, holding on to claim a 1-0 victory at the Tameside Stadium against Curzon Ashton.

The Magpies just about edged the first-half against Adam Lakeland's side, Justin Johnson and Jack Hazlehurst with a couple of half-chances apiece.

Andy Preece's side were eventually rewarded for their efforts just before the break, Justin Johnson slotting the ball under Cam Mason in goal after latching on to Jack Moore's ball over the top.

Curzon Ashton wasted no time after the restart in their attempts to try and get back into the game but Matt Urwin continued to be relatively quiet in goal.

Harvey Smith prevented what looked an all but certain goal on the hour mark, blocking the ball away brilliantly.

The Nash, to their credit continued to press on but Chorley defended resolutely to claim a deserved three points on the day.

**Curzon Ashton:** Mason, Poscha, Matthews, Kenyon (Walker, 74'), Sinclair, Spencer, Storey (Mols, 50'), Hayhurst, Waring (Richards, 45'), Mahon, Barton

## CHORLEY FC 1

JOHNSON (44')

**Chorley:** Urwin, Henley, Ellis, Smith, Nolan, Whitehouse, Calverley, Moore, Ubaezonu (Britton 82'), Hazlehurst (Shenton 82'), Johnson (Blakeman, 85')

Goalscorers: Johnson (44')

Cautions: Hayhurst (40'), Richards (55'), Walker (79'), Henley (90+3'), Shenton (90+4'), Britton (90+6'), Urwin (90+7')

Referee: Liam Corbett

Assistants: Peter Dingle and Lewis Mountain

Attendance: 461



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## CHORLEY FC 3

CHORLEY showed their class on Tuesday evening and were a cut above Runcorn Linnets, winning 3-1 in the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round Replay.

The Magpies started out of the blocks slowly but probably just about edged the opening quarter of an hour, Joe Nolan with an early chance on the turn that ex-Magpie Antony Kay had to clear away.

It wouldn't take much longer for Andy Preece's side to hit the front though - David Moyo rising highest above everyone to meet Billy Whitehouse's cross and head past Bayleigh Passant.

Runcorn tried to respond with their first shot of the evening through Jacques Welsh but Chorley quickly doubled their advantage minutes later, Harvey Smith with a powerful header from a well-delivered Jack Hazlehurst free-kick.

The Magpies made it 3-0 before the break, Carlton Ubaezounu handed penalty duties for the night from Justin Johnson and the former made no mistake - an excellent penalty after Ryan Brooke was adjudged to have pulled on a shirt inside the box.

Chorley had far less goal-mouth action to report in the second-half as the visitors, to their credit looked for a way back into the game - albeit without really testing Matt Urwin in goal.

### **RUNCORN LINNETS 1**

WOODCOCK (90+'

Ubaezounu had a half-chance to make it 4-0 on the night but was denied when baring down on goal by Passant.

Lewis Doyle was sent off (second yellow-card) after a reckless challenge on Joe Nolan in midfield and that was to be the last piece of action on the night.

**Chorley:** Urwin, Henley, Ellis (Wilson, 79'), Smith, Moore, Hazlehurst, Nolan, Whitehouse, Ubaezounu, Johnson (Shenton, 64'), Moyo (Britton, 64')

Runcorn Linnets: Passant, Barratt, Kay, Hagan, Wylie, Welsh, Doyle, Saxon (Chiduku), Gumbs, Brooke (Moseley), Brown (Lynch).

Goalscorers: Moyo (24'), Smith (32'), Ubaezounu (39')

Cautions: Brooke (38'), Doyle (70'), Britton (90')

**Dismissal:** ■ Doyle (87')

Referee: Harry Jones

Assistants: Mario Stetakovic, Daniel Tyas

Attendance: 603



# CHORLEY ACADEMY

In the dedicated Youth Academy Updates section, brace yourself for an insider's journey into our thriving youth ranks. From U13 to U21, we'll shine a spotlight on our budding talents, their meteoric rise, and league progress.

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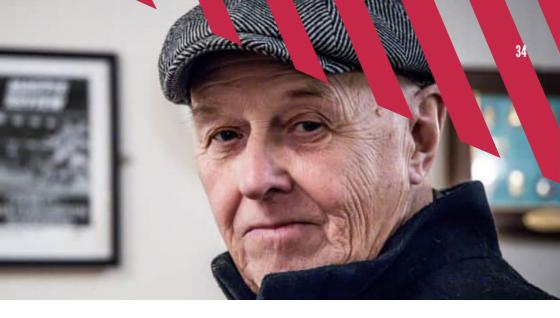
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# A WORD FROM TERRY ROBINSON

It's great to wake up the morning after a game with a win the night before under your belt against a battling Runcorn Linnets side. Games come thick and fast at our level as with many other clubs and leagues. It's important to have a squad and for it to be utilised as required at the appropriate times.

Whilst some players might be disappointed not to play in a specific game it's the overall plan and aim to ensure we have a squad of fit players for each game.

With our leagues becoming more professional and including full time clubs do we see the same kind of fitness with the officials? Our league appears to be a feeder league to greater things for referees and whilst they have a job as well they need to keep up a level of fitness. It might be because of my age but the referees look a lot younger than I can remember. That's because in our league they are. It's believed 10 new referees came in to our league all with sight on promotion to the national League and the EFL.

The question can be asked are we being deprived of experienced referees to satisfy the FA's demand for promoting more referees to the higher leagues and the professional game.

The new interpretation of the laws may become implemented more stringently as there may be an assessor in the stand . We all have individual gripes with decisions but up to now I think the standard of refereeing bearing in mind previous comments on the whole has been good. My individual gripe is the new interpretation towards the manager. We all like to see an enthusiastic man on the line geeing up the team, fighting our corner.

The new interpretation appears to penalise that. Assistants need to be told and accept that enthusiasm is not necessarily criticism and let our managers and coaches express themselves and encourage the team. It's a big game today against a club not long ago in the Football League let's hope everybody contributes in a positive way.

#### **Terry Robinson**



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# 10 YEARS OF SOCCER SCHOOLS

Almost ten years ago, on August 27, 2013, we opened our first-ever 'Soccer School.' The sessions were led by Adam Roscoe, who is well-known for more than just his overhead kicks and me! The coordinator was the late David Murgatroyd. For the first one or two, we had trouble with the numbers less than 10 children signed up to the first one), but by the fourth and fifth sessions, we were booming and regularly reaching 70 to 100 kids. James Turner, who is pictured with his mother Carole and next to Roscoe in the photograph, was one of the first kids to arrive. Up to the age of approximately 16, James attended pretty much every soccer school he could. James is now a fully committed supporter with his parents.

Murgy was instrumental in the club's new project. His pen would be writing furiously and his phone would be buzzing with the most extravagant ring tones. He would record the information of kids who were signing up on a folded-up piece of paper or a small book he kept on the inside of his jacket. Emails? For Murgy? No! To get the information to me, he used carrier pigeons. Lists would be delivered with capital

letters, carefully written. He would cover any errors with the strongest Tipp-ex you could locate! Everything was organised.

Murgy would plan everything out before serving as the 'front of house' while kids and parents came. Kind, cheerful, and eager to support our families, he would be diligent with everything related to the Soccer Schools, including writing the certificates precisely, organising tickets, gathering autographed balls, etc. I remember he once searched his drawers for a shell suit (1980s style!), to wear so that he could 'look like a coach!' – He wore this on one of the away trips too!

One of Murgy's finest club accomplishments at the club was without a doubt founding, expanding, and most recently maintaining and developing the Soccer Schools with Preecy.

"I made you into the manger that you are!" Murgy would always inform me when we were travelling to and from games. Every time we travelled, Murgy would insist over a glass of red wine and some cheese and crackers that the Soccer School 'HE' founded and offered me the chance at,



was what made me into a football manager. Although we both knew that was not the case, spending so much time with a fantastic man had a positive impact on my attitude and character.

It is quite appropriate that the kids now strive towards the "David Murgatroyd Award" on every Football School. A prize for kids who, like Murgy, have been committed, diligent, and have a constantly positive attitude

We appreciate Carole sharing the picture. The football schools and other community projects will be continued and developed, which is something we are all excited about.







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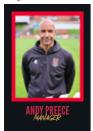


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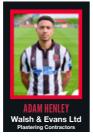






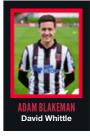






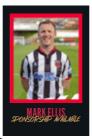




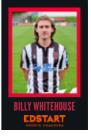




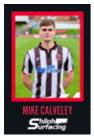






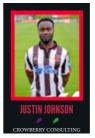


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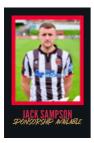


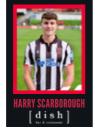


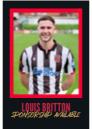






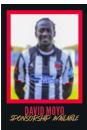












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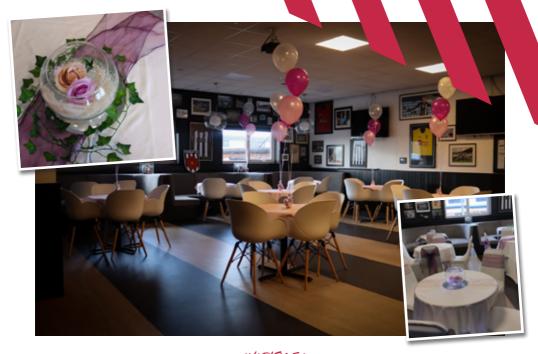
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